including 8 policemen and 3 civilians were killed in 26 incidents during the assembly elections in Bihar and Jharkhand. The naxalites also damaged an EVM in Bihar. Details of properties damaged are not available with the Government.

(b) and (c) The Central Government has adopted a multi-pronged strategy to tackle the problem of naxalism which includes (a) having a peace dialogue by the affected States, wherever feasible, with naxal groups willing to abjure violence, (b) modernization and strengthening of the State Police forces, long term deployment of Para Military forces, intensified intelligence based well-coordinated anti-naxalite operations, (c) focused attention on integrated development of the affected areas and (d) removal of socio-cultural alienation of people, gearing up of public grievances redressal system and creation of Local Resistance Groups.

Special Task Force in Naxal affected States

†217. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a consensus has been reached to form a Joint Special Task Force in naxalite affected States; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when the said special task-force is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) A Task Force on naxalism has been constituted in the Ministry of Home Affairs in October, 2004 which *inter-alia* reviews anti naxalite operations being undertaken by the naxal affected States including those across the State boundaries.

Increase in crimes in Delhi

†218. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the number of incidents involving snatching, dacoit, theft, rape and stealing of vehicles has increased in the capital during the last few years.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the efforts made for modernisation of Delhi Police?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The requisite information is given below:

Crime Head	2003	2004
Snatching	532	775
Dacoity	29	30
Theft	8090	10121
Rape	490	551
Vehicle theft	7444	8873

(c) The details of steps taken for the modernization of Delhi Police include:

(i) Introduction of Complaints Monitoring and Tracking System to enable higher officers to monitor the progress of the case;

(ii) Interlinking of Computer Centres of Delhi Police with those of the States of Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Haryana through Zonal Integrated Police Network for sharing of data on crime and criminals, missing persons, unidentified dead bodies and stolen/recovered vehicles;

(lil) Acceptance of complaints through e-mail and fax for improving the working of Delhi Police;

(iv) Constitution of Mobile Crime Teams;

(v) Setting up of Computerised Finger Print Automation Tracing System in Finger Print Bureau;

(vi) Setting up of Bomb Detection and Disposal Squads for inspection, detection and disposal of explosives;

(vii) Computerisation of data of Missing Persons Squad;

(viii) Implementation of Crime Criminal Information System;

(ix) Linkage of Police Stations with higher officers, courts and jails;

(x) Use of Short Message Service for providing information to Inquiry Officers as well as public;

(xi) Computer Aided Design facility for storing digital map;

(xii) Introduction of a Burst Error Control System for speedy transmission of data to and from all the districts and units of Delhi Police and for direct access to Inter State Police Wireless Stations of other State Capitals;

(xiii) Introduction of Digital Video Cameras for coverage of law and order arrangement, sensitive situations, and important functions;

(xiv) Creation of Disaster Management Net and setting up of Mobile Control Rooms equipped with wireless sets and satellite phones;

(xv) Upgradation of the Automatic Call Distribution System;

(xvi) Introduction of Geographical Information System/Geographical Positioning System based Vehicle Tracking System;

(xvii) Installation of Digital Electronic Reverse Timers at 96 signalised junctions;

(xviii) Installation of Solar Traffic Signals;

(xix) Conversion of the existing traffic light signals into light-emitting diode reflective signals;

(xx) Synchronisation of traffic signals;

(xxi) Launching of traffic website;

(xxii) Introduction of Short Message Service Traffic Information and Dissemination System; and

(xxiii) Installation of close,circuit televisions at major junctions to regulate traffic.

Naxalism in Karnataka

219. SHRI K.B. KRISHNAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that naxalities are camping in the forests of Chikkamagalur district in Karnataka;